

RESOLUTION NO. 700

***WHEREAS**, the name “Kennewick” has several native meanings including “winter paradise,” “winter haven,” “grassy place” and “grassy slope” and comes from the Indian name “Kin-i-wak”; and*

***WHEREAS**, Kennewick was the gathering place for Native American people of the Chemnapums, Nez Perces, Walla Wallas, Yakamas, Cayuses, Wanapams and Umatillas; and*

***WHEREAS**, Kennewick, located along the banks of the Columbia River, has been a major transportation artery since 1811, when fur traders began exploring the northwest; and*

***WHEREAS**, the earliest written record of ferry service in Kennewick is the entry of April 29, 1806 in the journals of Lewis & Clark, who were furnished with two canoes to transport their baggage over the river and obtained horses for overland travel to the east.; and*

***WHEREAS**, Kennewick has a nautical history beginning in the early 1900s when fleets of steamboats transported goods and people along the Columbia and Snake Rivers; and*

***WHEREAS**, the name Kennewick honors an area which embodies a rich history of agriculture, natural history, geology, science, technology and culture; and*

***WHEREAS**, the City of Kennewick, the Kennewick City Council, the Kennewick City Manager, the Port of Kennewick, Tri Cities Visitor & Convention Bureau, Kennewick School District, Kennewick Parks & Recreation Commission, the Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation and their communities have rallied together in support of this naming; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Washington State Transportation Commission on October 20, 2009 named the first of the three Kwa-di Tabil class 64-car ferries the Chetzemoka.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Washington State Transportation Commission respectfully names the third addition to the Kwa-di Tabil class 64-car ferry, the - Kennewick.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Washington State Transportation Commission requests the Department of Transportation to implement this ferry naming designation accordingly.*

ADOPTED this 13th day of July, 2010.

WASHINGTON STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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